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Columbus, Miss., July 16, 1875.

[OFFICIAL.]

Regular Meeting Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

CITY HALL, July 6, 1875.

Present—Jos. P. Billups, Mayor; C. A. Johnston, S. C. Manger, R. R. Speirs, S. Lichtenstadter, Ed. Humphries, Aldermen.

Minutes of last regular meeting were read and approved.

On motion, his Honor, the Mayor, was authorized to make a contract with the Gilmer Hotel Co. for supplying water to the city for the term of five years at the rate of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) per annum.

On motion, permission was granted to J. L. Moss & Co. to let remain the building erected in violation of the fire ordinances of the city; also, to put single roof on engine room now being erected, provided the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department gives his consent.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

Fines in Mayor's Court month of June. \$17 00
Vehicle license month of June. 6 00
General " " " 7 50
Sold one old cart. 16 50

The following annual report of the County Superintendent of Education, of estimates, &c. for the year 1875-76, was on motion received:

Office Co. Supt. of Education,
Lowndes Co., Miss., Jan. 30, 1875.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen, City of Columbus:

GENTLEMEN—In accordance with the provisions of sections 4, 8 and 23 of the school law approved April 27, 1873, I submit the following reports, estimates, &c.:

During the school year 1874-5, there have been employed teachers as here stated, and pay certificates have been issued on certified school reports properly filed at this office.

FRANKLIN ACADEMY.

Male Department.

Prof. J. M. Barrow, Principal, \$300.00
33 per mo., 9 months. \$1,300 00
Prof. A. E. Creighton, intermediate department, \$55 per mo., 9 mos. 495 00
Mrs. Julia F. Alton, primary department, \$45 per mo., 9 mos. 405 00

Female Department.

Mrs. L. E. Eager, Principal, \$100 per mo., 9 months. 900 00
Miss Mattie A. Seal, intermediate department, \$55 per mo., 9 mos. 495 00
Miss Mary E. Tabb, primary department, \$45 per mo., 9 mos. 405 00

Union Academy.

Prof. T. S. Wood, Principal, \$100 per mo., 9 months. 900 00
Mrs. A. M. Marsh, assistant principal, \$55 per mo., 9 mos. 495 00
Mrs. M. R. F. Smith, intermediate department, \$55 per mo., 9 mos. 495 00
Miss C. A. Stanton, assistant, intermediate department, \$55 per mo., 9 mos. 495 00Mrs. Jane Hinton, 2nd assistant, primary department, \$45 per mo., 9 mos. 405 00
Miss Emma Johnston, 1st assistant primary department, \$45 per mo., 9 mos. 405 00
Mrs. C. W. Moore, intermediate department, \$55 per mo., 9 mos. 495 00
Miss Hester Evans, assistant, intermediate department, \$45 per mo., 9 mos. 405 00

Total. \$7,710 00

The attendance at Franklin Academy during the past year has made demands for an additional teacher, the coming school year. The services of this teacher have been engaged.

By the requirements of section 23, I have changed the salaries of teachers, giving to first grade teachers the minimum allowed by law, \$60 per month, and teachers of the second grade \$40 per month.

My estimates for the school year 1875-6 are based upon the following:

Franklin Academy.

Principal male department, \$1,200 00
First assistant, 675 00
Teacher, intermediate department, 9 mos. at \$60. 540 00
Teacher primary department, 9 mos. at \$40. 360 00
Principal female department, 9 mos. at \$100. 900 00
Teacher, intermediate female department, 9 mos. at \$60. 540 00
Teacher primary female department, 9 mos. at \$40. 360 00

Union Academy.

Principal, 9 months, at \$100. 900 00
First assistant, 9 mos. at \$60. 540 00
Teacher, intermediate department, 9 mos. at \$60. 540 00
Assistant teacher, intermediate department, 9 mos. at \$50. 450 00
Teacher first primary department, 9 mos. at \$40. 360 00
Teacher second primary department, 9 mos. at \$40. 360 00
Assistant second primary department, 9 mos. at \$40. 360 00

Contingent Expenses.

Fuel Franklin Academy, \$110 00
" Union Academy, 120 00
Superintendent's salary, 450 00
Rent Union Academy, 150 00
Incidental Franklin Academy—brooms \$10, water buckets \$2 50; glass and glazing \$7, dippers \$1 50, well and fixtures \$7, repairs on saws \$5, new fence and repairs \$45, black board \$10, chalk for school \$10, ink \$15. 112 00

Total. \$9,158 00

Estimated Receipts.

Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's report \$882 93
Amt. for city leases, 2400 00
Amt. State Teachers' tax, 2300 00
Poll tax, 575 00
6357 93

Deficit, 2700 07

The incidental expenses are requested by the Board of School Trustees as shown by the enclosed order:

Columbus, Miss., June 14, 1875.

Mr. J. N. Bishop,
County Supt. Pub. Education:

SIR:—The Board of Trustees for the Columbus school district have herewith to present the following estimate for supplies and repairs at Franklin Academy and Union School for the next term: For brooms \$10, buckets (water) \$2.50, glass and glazing \$7, dippers (water) \$1.50, well and fixtures \$7, repairs on seats \$5, new fence and repairs \$45, repairs on black board \$10, chalk for school \$10, ink \$15; fire wood, Franklin Academy, \$110, Union School \$120, aggregating \$343.

Respectfully,
B. A. VAUGHAN,
Sec. Board Trustees.

The estimates for teachers salaries, contingent and incidental expenses, you will observe, have been requested at the lowest expense possible and for only such demands as are actually necessary, to carry out successfully the public schools for the coming school year.

You are also well aware that the City public schools have increased in attendance and interest both by pupils and patrons.

The past school year was one of marked success. No school district in the State has a better financial credit than Columbus, and I take pleasure in saying that there are no schools in Mississippi any better taught and managed than those of this district.

I trust, gentlemen, that the school officers of this district will have your hearty co-operation in this school work, and that you will, by the power given you in section 4 of the school law, make provisions for the "deficit" of \$2700.07 as shown by this report.

I am, very respectfully, yours &c.,
J. N. BISHOP,
Co. Supt. of Ed.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Co. Supt. and School Trustees be instructed to enter into no negotiations or contracts with teachers or school expenditures upon any basis other than the proceeds, which may arise from the distributive share of State School Fund of two mills and the amount realized from the leases of the 16th section.

Resolved, That the City Attorney be requested by the Secretary to give his opinion in writing to the Hon. Mayor and Board of Aldermen as soon as may be convenient on the following points:

1st. Who collects the annual 16th section lease, the Mayor and Aldermen of Columbus, or the School Trustees of Columbus?

2nd. Does this annual rental or lease belong exclusively to the Franklin Academy?

On motion, the Mayor was authorized to approve the bond of the City Marshal in the sum of \$3,000 payable to — for collection of leases of the 16th section, also to fill out said bond in accordance with the opinion of the City Attorney; furthermore, that the City Marshal be empowered to demand in the name of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the town of Columbus said leases and declare all property forfeited upon which said lease shall not have been paid by August 1st.

The following annual report of the Chief Engineer, J. E. Leigh, of the Columbus Fire Department for the year 1874 and 1875, was read and on motion ordered spread upon the minutes:

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Head Quarters Fire Dept.,
Columbus, Miss., July 6, 1875.

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Columbus:

In obedience to the City ordinance, I herewith submit my annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending with your meeting to-day:

The organization and membership of the Department is herewith submitted as Exhibit A.

The material of the Department consists of one steam fire engine and apparatus, Exhibit B; one hand engine and apparatus, Exhibit C; two hook and ladder trucks and equipments, Exhibit D; water apparatus &c., Exhibit E; engine rooms &c., Exhibit F; which shows as heretofore, liberal expenditure for fire purposes. The water supply of the Town, which should be available, if not a source of revenue, still remains as last report, and I respectfully refer to the same and recommendations therein contained, especially to the lack of

water facilities around the depot. There have been only three fires in town since last report, and on account of distance and lack of water supply, the Department was unavailable; except at the Womelsdoffs house, where a further destruction of property was prevented by the efficiency of the Department, the supply of water being accidental. The value of the property destroyed being inconsiderable, has not been reported.

I regret to state, that the Steam Fire Co. is not as full as desirable, and the excuse given by its members is that they are too poorly equipped. A sufficient appropriation for proper firemen's hat and shirts is recommended, they having no hats, and their dress uniform being much soiled and damaged;—and I would earnestly recommend to Hon. Board that they appeal to the citizens to sustain and encourage the Fire Department. Many young men, able bodied, (and who should be patriotic) are within the corporation, who are not attached to any of the Fire Companies. This should not be so. The property owners are especially interested, and yet some of them say that, they feel no interest in the Department, and they do not themselves, nor do they encourage those in their employment to attach themselves to the Department. It is true that the number of these are few, but still it is a shame on our "fair city," that any such there should be. A fireman's duties are so disinterested, noble and patriotic, that he who discourages them dishonors himself.

All of which is respectfully submitted, with all earnest hope, that in the election of my successor, your Honorable Board will select some one more competent to control the Department which I have had the honor to command for the last two terms.

J. E. LEIGH,
Chief Engineer.

C. S. FRANKLIN, Adjt.

EXHIBIT A.—J. E. Leigh, Chief Engineer; N. Reynolds, Assistant Engineer; C. S. Franklin, Adjutant; C. H. Ayres, Jno. Gilmer, Jack Rath, Aids.

Membership of Loxapallia Steam Fire Co. No. 1.

Membership of Hercules H. & L. Co. No. 1.

Membership of Rough and Ready No. 2.

Exhibit B.—Steamer Loxapallia cost \$4,033 40

1 hose carriage No. 1. 150 00

1 " " " " " 37 10

250 " " " " " 1,437 75

300 feet old leather hose. 315 10

worthless. 635 50

Exhibit C.—Rough and Ready Hand Engine No. 1.

1 hose carriage. 800 00

300 feet rubber hose. 300 00

250 " " " " " new, 312 50

1462 50

Exhibit D.—Hercules Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1—1 truck, axes, ladders &c., 1050 00

24 buckets, 6 50

1 old truck, hooks, ladders &c., 30 00

1486 50

Exhibit E.—1 steam pump, 1 steam engine, — feet water pipe 5 fire plugs, 1 water reservoir—Estimated value 10,000 00

Exhibit F.—3 rooms for apparatus, 500 00

Bell and tower, 500 00

5250 00

Total expenditure and appraisement. \$14,204 50

This being the date for annual election of Chief and Asst. Engineer of the Fire Dept., the following names were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: J. E. Leigh, Chief Engineer; N. Reynolds, Assistant.

In view of complaints relative to the small stream of water flowing from the public well, the Fire Committee was instructed to ascertain whether it will be practicable to repair same and report to this Board at next meeting.

On motion, the Fire Committee was empowered to make a contract for building a cistern near the M. & O. R. R. depot, of sufficient capacity for fire purposes.

The following accounts were allowed and ordered paid: Lucy Byrd, feeding prisoners. \$10 50

Atwater Mfg. Co., 2 carts and repairs, 126 65

Wm. Cady, hire horse, 3 00

H. W. Lewis, oil for street lamps, 2 68

Blair & Osborne, oil for street lamps, 7 70

R. R. Speirs, coffin for and burying pauper, 10 00

Jno. W. Worrell, provisions for paupers, 26 25

Geo. Bailey, cleaning Mayor's office, 2 50

B. B. Eggleston & Co., gas account, 6 00

Lowndes Independent, advertising, 1 50

Jno. L. Moss & Co., repairs on picks, 4 10

Hy. Zorn, candles, 25

Jno. Wilson, Sleepers, 2 25

COLUMBUS INDEX, advertising, 21 45
C. H. Hale & Co., lumber, 54 18
Excelsior Printing Office, printing blanks, 19 50
P. Krecker, buckets, dippers and brooms for Franklin Academy, 2 20
J. N. Bishop, salary to July 1, 112 25
Mike Cavanaugh, shoeing Street mules, 20 00

On motion, His Honor, Jo P. Billups, and Ald. C. A. Johnston were appointed a committee to draft an address to the two Steam Fire Companies with a view to a consolidation of the same.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

LANSING BEMAN,
Secretary.

Mobile Comedy Combination.

We are delighted to know that Mr. T. C. DeLeon's Mobile Comedy Combination will re visit us and perform three nights in Concert Hall, commencing on Monday evening. We hope that Mr. DeLeon will meet with that encouragement which a first-class theatrical troupe, such as he has, deserves; for, if we desire to have respectable entertainments, we must show our appreciation of them by liberal patronage. We cannot have first-class exhibitions in winter, for all first class artists are then engaged in large cities where they make more fame and money than they could in the country towns. In summer, most of the city theatres close and give the actors a chance to rest or travel through the country. Mr. Huntley, for instance, has an engagement as a leading actor to begin at the opening of the season at the Varieties Theatre in New Orleans. He would certainly not abandon New Orleans, Mobile or St. Louis to visit Columbus. Thus it is that we have had such wretched entertainments during winter, all of the best artists being engaged in the great cities and the second-rate ones seeking the country towns.

Our citizens all know that Mr. DeLeon is a gentleman of high standing in Mobile and that he would not condescend to palm off upon us such maudlin performances as we have had in past winters.

We notice that the people of Aberdeen, appreciating these things, gave him an enthusiastic reception and the Examiner is extravagant in his praise. The two performances which he gave here a few weeks ago proved the character and ability of his Company, and we are, therefore, not surprised at finding such a notice of them as the following in the Aberdeen Examiner:

Familiar with the reputation of Mr. T. C. DeLeon as a versatile writer, and who is not?—and knowing him as a gentleman unlikely to be associated with an enterprise that would detract from his high standing, we naturally expected to find in the Mobile Comedy Combination a company of more than ordinary excellence, but we confess that we were quite unprepared for the rich feast that he has placed before us, as it has as far exceeded our expectations, as most of its predecessors on the Aberdeen boards have fallen behind the boasts of their heralds.

With nothing of rant or raving, they have in the quiet and beautiful perfection of acting, held the mirror up to nature.

On Friday evening they gave us the drama of the "Marble Heart," and the whole play was a series of brilliant triumphs to those who were playing under every disadvantage in the way of stage, and filling the gaps from their store of ready expedient.

"Raphael," the Sculptor, lived, loved and died the victim of folly and frenzy in Mr. Huntley. There was not a line in the poet's terrible conception, that he did not thoroughly interpret.

Miss Florence Kennedy as "Marco," was simply splendid. True, yet mercurial; loving yet repelling; it was a character that seldom has its counterpart in life, and that must be formed and vitalized by the artist, hardly aided by the words of the author. In the scene of the life story, she was absolutely grand. It was the perfection of acting.

On the previous evening the audience had learned to hate Mr. DeLeon. So admirably did he play the villain in the role of Capt. Hawksley, that the man was lost in the part, and his excellent acting made the part as odious as the author intended it should be. But in Volage, the editor of the Magic Lantern, he returned to our good graces, and we learned that this versatile and talented actor is alike at

home in all parts, possessing the rare faculty of banishing self entirely, at will.

His "Volage" was a noble personation, and in the scene where after exhausting argument and persuasion he finds his poor infatuated friend the Sculptor impervious to all honorable appeals and casts him off with scorn and anger, he gave us such a specimen of acting as is seldom witnessed.

Sweet "Marie," the orphan, found a splendid interpreter in Miss Nellie Wright, and had the sculptor been won by her simple virtues and gentle beauty, he would have found many ardent rivals in the audience.

No Further Information Wanted.

At quite a late hour last night a young man walked into a Fourth street restaurant and asked for the proprietor. The clerk announced his ability to transact all matters not of a personal nature.

"Oh, it's not at all personal," said the visitor. "It's only about your chimney. There are big sparks flying out of it; and I think it afire."

The clerk thanked the informant. "But," said he, "it makes no difference. The chimney is fire-proof; had it fixed only this afternoon."

The young man left, and the clerk was about to advise the cook to put the damper on the furnace, when the door opened and three young men walked in in Indian file. "Do you know," said the leader, "your chimney is afire?"

"Yes," said the second, "and the sparks are flying all over the other houses." "And there is a first-rate show to have a big fire in a couple of minutes if you don't look out," said the third.

"Gentlemen," said the clerk loftily, "might I ask if you own any property around here?"

They didn't, of course.

"Then," said the clerk, beginning to lose his temper, "you'd oblige me by taking a walk."

They took the hint, and the clerk turned toward the kitchen.

"John," said he to the cook, "put out —" But just then there was a violent wrenching at the door, and an excited old gentleman flew into the restaurant as if shot out of a mortar. "Where's the proprietor?" he gasped.

"He's in bed."

"Well, who represents him?"

"At his."

"Well, sir, you do it d—d badly. Your chimney's afire, and as a property-holder, I say—"

"You'd better say good night," roared the clerk, and the excited property-holder retired in advance of a broom handle.

During the next five minutes four old ladies, six nervous old gentlemen of different ages, and two negroes interviewed the clerk. Then there was a momentary pause, and the unhappy man wiped the perspiration from his brow and was about to thank Providence for the welcome cessation, when a stout party, bootless and coatless, with a stubby mustache and close-cropped hair, entered, followed by a bull pup.

"You want to see the proprietor?" said the clerk, before the man could speak.

"I do."

"To tell him the 'chimley's afire?"

"Just so."

They smashed each other and the furniture and crockery for fifteen minutes, and then retired. Half an hour later the clerk, with a torn shirt, dishevelled hair and swollen eyes was seen posting a bill of fare on the window on the back of which was inscribed: "No informashun wanted of the chimley that's a fire."—San Francisco Post.

The proposed visit of the Prince of Wales to India causes a huge discussion on etiquette. It cannot be decided whether the Prince, during his stay, is to supercede the Viceroy or be only his guest; and then the Prince's costume is another matter of momentous import, he preferring a hunting suit, which some think not sufficiently impressive and in accordance with his royalty. He objects to the regalia of a Field Marshal as being too fatiguing for the warm climate. Still another trouble afflicts him in the shape of his wife, who wished to go, but cannot, on account of the etiquette nonsense and the parsimony of the government in refusing to pay the expenses of the trip.

A Washington despatch to the "World" says: There are dark rumors about affecting certain prominent Treasury officials in connection with late whiskey frauds, which it is expected will develop themselves very soon. Secretary Bristow is said to be in possession of evidence establishing their criminality, and expresses his determination to prosecute them to the fullest extent.